



## **AOTF Announces the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Endowed Scholarship**

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF), Bethesda, Maryland, announces the creation of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Endowed Scholarship.

The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT), Gaithersburg, Maryland, is a not-for-profit credentialing agency that provides certification for the occupational therapy profession. NBCOT serves the public interest by providing a world-class standard for certification of occupational therapy practitioners and by developing, administering, and continually reviewing a certification process that is based on current and valid standards that provide reliable indicators of competence for the practice of occupational therapy. The generous endowment will fund annual scholarships to two entry-level occupational therapy students and two scholarships for students in occupational therapy post-professional programs.

“The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy is pleased to partner with the American Occupational Therapy Foundation to support students studying to enter the profession of occupational therapy. A solid education provides a foundation for safe, competent practice, and we are proud to support initiatives that enable students to gain the fundamental knowledge and skills required for certification in the profession,” said Christopher Alterio, Dr. OT, OTR, NBCOT Board Chairperson.

“2017 will mark the centennial of our profession. As we move toward this pivotal moment in our shared history, the American Occupational Therapy Foundation is grateful for this generous and enduring gift from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy,” said AOTF Executive Director, Charles Christiansen.

Endowed scholarships continue in perpetuity, supporting future generations of professionals and leaders in occupational therapy and touching countless others who benefit from their expertise. Each year, the investment earnings for endowed funds on deposit (the principal) are used to award scholarships and the principal remains intact.

Through December 31, 2011, any new funds contributed to an endowed scholarship will be matched dollar-for-dollar by AOTF. Unprecedented in the history of AOTF, the matching program reflects the Foundation’s concern about the rising costs of professional education and its commitment to partner with colleagues in occupational therapy community to provide scholarships that offset the educational costs associated with becoming a practitioner in the field.

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The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501c3 charitable, scientific and educational organization established in 1965. Its mission is to advance research, education, and leadership in the field of occupational therapy and to raise public awareness of the importance of enabling individuals to participate fully in life, regardless of their physical, social, mental, or developmental circumstances.

For more information about the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Scholarship Program, contact AOTF Scholarship Coordinator, Jeanne Y. Cooper by email ([jcooper@aotf.org](mailto:jcooper@aotf.org)) or phone: 301.652.6611, x2550.

To learn more about the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, visit [www.nbcot.org](http://www.nbcot.org). To learn more about American Occupational Therapy Foundation, visit [www.aotf.org](http://www.aotf.org).

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